# **BALOO'S BUGLE**



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his month I would like to start of this issue with a recognition to Red Skelton who passed away in September. He wrote the following that has/is used by Scouts in ceremonies across the United States.

#### **RED SKELTON**

In memory of American comedian Red Skelton, who died yesterday at age 84, here's one of his pieces that's especially appropriate for Scouting. I found this ceremony on Scouts-L.

## This was first broadcast on The Red Skelton Hour, January 14, 1969.

"I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name. He said; 'I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I--me, an individual, a committee of one.

**PLEDGE**--dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-nity

ALLEGIANCE--my love and devotion.

**TO THE FLAG**--our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

**OF THE UNITED**--that means that we have all come together.

**STATES**--individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

**OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC**—a state in which sovereign power is vested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

#### FOR WHICH IT STANDS

**ONE NATION**--meaning, so blessed by God.



**INDIVISIBLE**--incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY--which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

**AND JUSTICE**—the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL--which means it's as much your country as it is mine.' Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance--"under God." Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer," and that would be eliminated for schools, too?"

Mark Rav

The Eagle Court of Honor Book www.eaglebook.com

## **Training Tip**

#### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Service, best exemplified by the daily Good Turn, has long been a tradition in Scouting. Good citizenship is best taught by service in action.

To get the most Cub Scouting has to offer, boys should have opportunities to take part in den and pack service projects. This is one of the best ways to show boys that helping other people is not only beneficial to others, but is fun and rewarding for themselves. They will experience a warm feeling that comes from giving service to others. Below are some suggestions for service projects that Cub Scouts will enjoy:

- Organize a spring cleanup. Assist a person with special needs or an elderly person in the neighborhood. Rake they yard, wash widows and screens, run errands. This could be a yearround project, including snow clearing, leaf raking, a birthday party, etc.
- Conduct a paint and cleanup project at the building and on the grounds of the chartered organization.
   Paint oil drums or heavy five drums with metal lids for use as litter containers.
- Adopt a stream. Clean debris and litter from a section of a nearby stream.

These are only a few ideas for service projects. You'll find many more in Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Program Helps and other Scouting literature.

This information was taken from the New Cub Scout Leader book available at your Scout Shop.



Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 1997 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction, but the report has to be in your own words. Enter in one of these three age categories:

- 8 years old and younger
- 9 and 10 years old
- 11 years old and older

When Pedro receives your report, he will send you a free patch. The winners in each age group will also win an Erector building set, get to pick a book from our special prize list and have their names announced in this column!

The contest is open to all Boys' Life readers. Be sure to include your name, address and age on the entry. Send your report, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: Boys' Life Reading Contest, S204, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1997.

#### TIGER CUBS

★Big Idea #4

**Opening:** Recite Tiger Cub Motto **Search:** Plan a trip to the Fire Station **Discover:** Act out safety situations:

A stranger approaches you outside

A fire in your home

How to make an emergency phone call

A stranger comes to your door when you are home alone

**Share:** Share some simple first aid with each other; cuts,

burns, scratches, etc.

**Closing:** Recite the Tiger Cub Promise

**Opening:** Recite Tiger Cub Motto

Search: Plan a scavenger hunt in the neighborhood which

includes first aid items

**Discover:** Discuss emergency procedures for fire,

tornado, etc. Plan a safety route for each Tiger cub out of his house in case of a fire. Draw it on paper. Make a list of all emergency phone

numbers.

**Share:** Share an emergency experience someone had or knows about. What did they do? What should

they have done?

Closing: Recite the Tiger Cub Promise

#### Activities

#### **★Firefighter Water Pass**

Boys stand in a row or circle. Discuss the duties of a firefighter. Name ways a fire can be put out. When the discussion names water, the group is given a container of water to move down the line. A bucket can be placed at the end to dump into. Variation: Vary the size of the container, pass the water over and under pass behind the boys backs, use confetti instead of water, have boys carry containers and walk on a line or balance beam.

Have a fire drill during a meeting. Plan an escape route, meeting place, delegate responsibilities for calling 911 and checking to ensure everyone got out.

Prepare a meal that could be made if there were a disaster. What ingredients should be kept on hand and where?

#### **★ Big Idea #5 Know your family**

**Opening:** Recite the Tiger Cub Motto

**Search:** Find out something about your ancestors. Have the boys learn the names of the great-grandparents.

**Discover:** Plan "Mother's Pie-Plate Contest". Have the adult partners try to balance a pie plate on their heads while their Tiger Cub Tries to place three marbles in it.

**Share:** Tell where you were born. Share something your

family did last month. Closing: Recite the Tiger Cub Promise.

**Opening:** Recite the Tiger Cub Motto

**Search:** Find out who has an interesting job and make

plans to visit.

Discover: Play "In the Pond". Arrange the players in a circle around you just outside a chalkline. When you call "in the pond", all players are to jump in. When you call "on the bank", all should jump back. If the players are in the pond when the order "in the pond" is given, they should stay in the pond. Anyone jumping out, is out of the game and so on. The

**Share:** Share an interesting joy you know about or would like to do when you grow up. Have each adult tell something about his/her work.

**Closing:** Recite the Tiger Cub Motto.

remaining player wins.

#### \* Activities

Make family flags or a "Coat of Arms". Use fabric paints to depict unique things about your family. Discuss family traditions. Establish a new tradition.

#### PRE-OPENING

\* As families arrive, give each boy and his parents a sheet of paper with the letter T - U - R - K - E -Y D - A - Y down the left side. Ask them to get signatures of people whose first names begin with each

letter. Open with having each person whose completed the most names stand and give a turkey applause. Gobble, Gobble, Gobble.

#### **OPENING CEREMONY**

#### \* Have a card with each letter on it.

As boys hold their card have them say the following:

T - is for the Thanks we give at this special time of year.

U - is for Uniting of families from both far and near.

**R** - is for Remembering that first Thanksgiving Day.

**K** - is for the Kindness we show to people along the way.

**E** - is for Everlasting peace our forefathers showed long ago.

 $\overline{\mathbf{Y}}$  - is for You, that's what we'll need to help and make it

The 1st Thanks giving was in 1621 and lasted 3 days!

\*This poem is an excellent source in November. As an opening a den can make posters depicting the picturesque words. What better way to close a meeting than Thank You.

#### \*THANKSGIVING

Thank you for all my hands can hold Apples red, and melons gold, Yellow corn both ripe and sweet Peas and beans so good to eat!

Thank you for all my eyes can see-Lovely sunlight field and tree, White cloud boats in sea deep sky Soaring Bird and butterfly.

Thank you for all my ears can hear -Birds song echoing far and near Songs at little stream, big sea Cricket, bull frog, duck and bee!

By Ivy O. Eastwick

#### **CHEERS**

#### Bravo (For an excellent performance)

The cheer leader says: "That deserves a Bravo! We'll do this in a circle." He then proceeds to have one end of the circle start with the 'BRR' sound and proceeds to point around the circle while they do the 'AVOOOO' sound. The sound level should rise as more of the circle comes in

#### **CANNED LAUGHTER**

Laugh when lid is removed from a can, and stop when lid is closed.

#### **GEE**

Cup your hand around the mouth and yell: "GEE, YOU DID A GREAT JOB, KEEP UP THE GOOD

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WORK!!!!" Variation: Insert the persons name after gee. Variation 2: Insert the persons name as in variation one but also substitute a different phrase honoring the person.

#### ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

#### \* Turkey Day Advancement Ceremony

**Setting:** A table set with Thanksgiving items, a bag of corn kernels.

#### **CUBMASTER:**

"Ladies and gentlemen tonight we are remembering the founders of our country and the native American Indians. The pilgrims came to this country for religious freedom and when they got here they found new friends - the American Indian. The sharing that was done between these two different peoples was something to behold. We all have shared things in much the same way. Would these boys please come forward: (Call the Wolves)

#### **ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN:**

You boys have shared with each other the gift of working together in your dens and homes. For this we give you your awards and also a kernel of corn as the Indians gave to the pilgrims."

#### **CUBMASTER:**

"Would these boys please come forward? (Call Bears) You boys have worked hard and work was one of the things most respected by the pilgrims and Indians alike. "The pilgrims even made rules that if a person did not work they would not eat. For your work we give you your award and also a kernel of corn as the Indians gave to the Pilgrims."

#### ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

Would these boys please come forward (call Webelos). You boys have been working for a long time and you have learned many new skills in your dens working with metal, wood, and leather. These are the same skills that the pilgrims had to learn to survive and help build this great country we live in today. For these skills we give you your awards and a kernel of corn to remember this special time of the year."

#### <u>PRAYER</u>

#### A Prayer for the Children

#### We pray for children

who put chocolate fingers everywhere,

who like to be tickled.

who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,

who sneak popsicles before supper,

who erase holes in math workbooks,

who can never find their shoes.

#### And we pray for those

who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,

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who can't bound down streets in a new pair of sneakers, who never "counted potatoes," who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,

who never go to the circus,

who live in an X-rated world.

#### We pray for children

who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget lunch money, who cover themselves in Band-Aids and sing off-key, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup.

#### And we pray for those

who never get dessert,

who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal,

who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,

whose monsters are real.

## We pray for children

who spend their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at food,

who like ghost stores,

who shove dirty clothes under the bed,

and never rinse out the tub,

who get visits from the tooth fairy,

who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church and scream in the phone,

whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

#### And we pray for those

whose nightmares come in the daytime,

who will eat anything,

who have never seen a dentist.

who aren't spoiled by anybody,

who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,

who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.

For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody

kind enough to offer it.

#### **Thanks Dave**

The following was sent to me by another scouter, Melissa K Scouter, Alapaha Area Council.

This song is written by Willard Jabusch.

#### I've heard a song that goes something like this:

What so ever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.

When I was weary you helped to find rest

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat

When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink

When I was naked, you gave me your coat

When I was anxious, you calmed my fears

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When I was homeless, you opened your door When in a prison, you came to my cell When I was laughed at you stood by my side When I was happy, you shared my joy Now enter into my Father's home.

Melissa

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#### **SONGS**

## \*Thanksgiving Day Thanks (Tune: "The Farmer n the Dell)

Thanksgiving Day is here Thanksgiving Day is here. Let's give thanks for all we have, Thanksgiving Day is here.

For all our moms and dads, For all our families, Let's give thanks for all we have, Thanksgiving Day is here.

For all the flowers and trees, For all the birds and bees, Let's give thanks for all we have, Thanksgiving Day is here.

## \*Mr. Turkey (Tune: Oh, My Darling Clementine)

Mr. Turkey, Mr. Turkey, Are you getting nice and fat We are waiting for Thanksgiving, Now what do you think of that?

Mr. Turkey, Mr. Turkey, Do you ever wonder why People eat you at Thanksgiving, And not chicken pot pie?

## \* Scouting for Food (Tune: Clementine)

Have a food drive, have a food drive, Have a food drive every year. If your poor and really hungry, Call the Cub Scouts, have no fear.

All my muscles, all my muscles, Have been aching for a while, I've been giving out the food bags For over seven miles.

We'll collect them, we'll collect them We'll collect all your cans. Diced carrots, sweet potatoes, And even candies yams.

Feed the hungry feed the poor Feed the kids and give them hope Bring your cans, load them up And it will help all better cope.

\*If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

Bob Hope

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT SONGS**

For those of you who love those Announcement Songs, Lorie McGraw posted these on Scouts-L,

What!!? Some one wants the Announcement Song??? Well, just so happens that in cruising the net I have made a compilation of the various verses of the announcement Song, adding the tunes where known. And, since the list has been, how should I say this, A Little Slow Lately, I'm gonna post the whole thing! <GRIN> Hit it, boys!

## A compilation of the ANNOUNCEMENT SONG (Frere' Jaques)

Words of wisdom, words of wisdom, We don't need, we don't need, Stupid words of wisdom, stupid words of wisdom, Dumb, dumb, dumb. Dumb, dumb, dumb.

#### (How Dry I Am)

We sold our cow, moo. We sold our cow, moo. We have no use for your bull now.

#### (London Bridge)

Make the announcements short and sweet, Short and sweet, short and sweet. Make the announcements short and sweet, They're so BORING!

#### (Ever Seen a Lassie)

Have you ever seen a windbag, A windbag, a windbag, Have you ever seen a windbag. Well there's one right now. Swings this way and that way, Swings this way and that way, Have you ever seen a windbag, Well there's one RIGHT NOW!

#### (What Do You Do With A Drunken Sailor)

What do you do with a program director?
What do you do with a program director?
What do you do with a program director,
Early in the morning.
Hit him in the face with a chocolate cream pie!
Hit him in the face with a chocolate cream pie!
Hit him in the face with a chocolate cream pie,
Early in the morning!

### (Ever Seen a Lassie)

(name) has another one, another one, another one,

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(name) has another one, he has them all the time.

#### **Row Row your Boat**

Gently down the stream throw the announcements overboard and listen to them scream

#### (Ain't Gonna Rain No More)

The man stood up to talk.
He talked real long and hard.
He talked so long that I wrote this song,
On the lid of a can of lard!
Now lard is used to cook,
And words they make a book.
But if this guy keeps talking up a storm,
We'll be awake no more!

#### (Clementine)

Information, Information Information's killing me! You are going on forever How much longer will it be? A horrible way to die.

#### (For He's A Jolly Good Fellow)

Pile it up in the corner,
Pile it up in the corner,
Pile it up in the corner,
It makes the flowers grow!
It makes the flowers grow,
It makes the flowers grow,
So pile it up in the corner,
Pile it up in the corner,
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Lorie McGraw <llmcgraw@worldnet.att.net> Bear Leader Pack 410 Den 4 Indian Waters Council, Etowah Creek District Columbia, SC "If a bigger hammer doesn't work, your problem is electrical." --Dad

### **GAMES**

#### **<sup>©</sup>Do a Good Turn Relay**

Divide den into two teams. Give each team a list of things the team must do in order to complete the game. Make your own list with things such as: carry a pail of Legos from point A to B, sweep a circle around the team, read one joke from Boy's Life, fold paper airplanes, recite the Cub Scout promise, etc. Emphasize the ideas are ways to help other people.

#### Smile Tag

A quick game for a break. Takes about 5 minutes. Players form two equal lines facing each other and about three feet apart. One is heads and the other is tails. The leader tosses a coin and calls out the side that is face up. If it is heads, then the heads laugh and smile and try to

make the tails smile without touching them. The tails must remain solemn or turn into a head. The coin is tossed again and again. The face side of the coin has the opportunity to win players to their side. After five minutes, the side with the most players wins.

Bay Lakes Council Pow Wow Book

#### **World Food Game**

One of the most important human needs is enough food to stay healthy. Yet in many parts of the world, including our own country, there are people who don't have enough food. Try this activity to see how the world's food supply is divided.

To play, you need a group of 15 - 20 people, one small box (1 ½ oz.) of raisins, and one large box of raisins. First, give one person the small box of raisins (about 100 raisins). Then five people may have 25 raisins each from the large box. The rest give four raisins each.

The group represents all the people of the world. The raisins show the amount of the world's food most people in different areas of the world have to eat. The person with the small box of 100 raisins has a share like people in the USA, Canada, or Western Europe. Those with 25 raisins represent a share in Eastern Europe or the Soviet Union. The rest represent the share people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America has.

After the raisins are divided, have the group think about how they felt. Were the raisins divided fairly? How did you feel about your share? Why shouldn't everyone get an equal share? Is it possible for everyone to have 100 raisins, with the total number available? How would you divide the raisins to be fair? What does this tell you about doing to others, as you would have them do unto you?

This may not make you feel good inside, but it may make the boys aware of what it is like to grow up in another part of the world. It may make them think about the things they need and what they could really do without.

Viking Council Pow Wow book; modified slightly.

#### **SKITS**

Again, Lorie McGraw has been hard at work. I really admire her organizational skills. She again posted these on Scouts-L. I edited this a bit. She had original jokes in here that were simply changed a bit and reworked to be done by Cub Scouts.

Lorie McGraw Bear Den Leader, Etowah Creek District, Indian Waters Council. Columbia, SC

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

-----Kayak Skit-----

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Scouts bring in a 2-man (or two one-man) kayak or mime being in a kayak

(double bladed paddles are all you really need).

**S1:** Boy, sure is pretty here. But I'm getting cold.

**S2:** Me, too. (peers off in the distance) Too far to shore, let's build a fire here in the kayak! That'll heat us up.

**S1:** Good idea!

Scouts mime building the fire, Aah, that feels good, etc.

**S1:** (suddenly) Hey, we're sinking!

Frantic bailing, then turn to Audience and shrug shoulders in exaggerated style.

S1: well, that just goes to show you

Both: You can't have your kayak and heat it, too!

#### Skit: ----Two Weevils--

**Narrator:** Once upon a time there were 2 weevils. Two scouts w/ bug antennae walk on, wave to audience. One is dressed in

Hollywood cool, other is dressed in overalls, like country hick.

Narrator: One weevil went to Hollywood and became a famous actor.

Weevil 1 puts on sunglasses, flashes giant paycheck, has a pretty "girl"

come out and hang on arm, etc.

Narrator: The other weevil stayed behind in the cotton fields and never

amounted to much.

Weevil 2 pulls out a big wad of cotton (use a bag of polyfill from the craft

store), eats it, scratches, looks bored

Narrator: The second one, naturally, became known as (pause) the lesser of

two weevils.

#### ---Walk-on--

Change saloon to restaurant, coffee shop, Bank, etc. Dog is scout dressed in dog suit or dog/hound ears and tail with cowboy neckerchief, one front paw bandaged conspicuously.

Waiter/Teller: Hey, we don't get many dogs in here. What can I help you with?

Dog: (pauses, looks at audience, back at teller) "I'm lookin' for the man who shot my paw."

#### -- Eggs Skit--

Waiter seats a man at a table for breakfast. Waiter hands him a menu, he looks at it, turns to waiter.

Man: I'll just have the Eggs Benedict with extra hollandaise sauce.

Waiter: Very good choice, sir.

Waiter leaves, returns with shiny chrome platter with

food on it (use chrome

spray paint on a paper plate).

Waiter: Here you are, sir, Eggs Benedict with extra hollandaise sauce.

Man: What's with the fancy chrome plate?

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Waiter: "Well sir, (singing) there's no plate like chrome

for the hollandaise!"

(Tune: There's No Place Like Home For the Holidays)

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----- Skit: Free Nuts-----

Setting: Restaurant

A Man walks on-stage and sits at the counter or table. Scout dressed as waiter (apron, note pad) comes over.

Waiter: What'll you have?

Man: Pepsi.

Waiter gives him a Pepsi and a bowl of peanuts. The guy starts drinking his Pepsi and munches on a few nuts. Voice from offstage or under table: Hey, that's a nice tie. Man looks around and sees no one except the bartender at the other end of the bar. Man shrugs shoulders, takes another sip of his Pepsi and munches a few more nuts. Voice from offstage or under table: Man, you are looking good, have you lost weight?.

Man looks around, dazed and confused, and only sees the waiter down at the other end of the counter. Looks under table, nothin' there, shrugs shoulders. He has another sip of his Pepsi, a few more nuts, and the same thing happens again.

Voice from offstage or under table: Wow, where do you buy your clothes? I simply love your jacket!

Man, (calling the waiter down): Excuse me!

Waiter comes to the table

Man (nervously, looking around): Do you hear voices? Waiter (thinking he's got a weirdo sitting at the Counter): Voices, sir?

Man: Yeah, watch this.

Man sips his Pepsi and munches a handful of nuts. Voice from offstage or under table: Man, are you smart or what?

Waiter: (finally understanding) Oh, that! (He points to the bowl of nuts on the table/bar) It's the nuts.

Man: (really confused) The nuts? The bowl of nuts? Waiter: Why, yes. (pause for the punchline) They're complimentary!

#### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

## **♦**Do Your Best

Modified slightly

Boys with key words hold up cards saying "Do Your Best"

1<sup>st</sup> Cub: Do unto others as they should do unto you.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cub: That's called the Golden Rule.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cub: You're all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue,

4<sup>th</sup> Cub: The Pack Law is your special tool,

5<sup>th</sup> Cub: Best way we know to celebrate this season,

6<sup>th</sup> Cub: Is in giving your best to others,

7<sup>th</sup> Cub: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

All Cubs: Happy Thanksgiving! May we all be brothers.

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I found this online at this site

http://www.interlog.com/~speirs/spirit/scmin128.htm:

## (Show an ordinary ruler)

What do I have here? Right, it's a ruler. Some people call it a rule. This one isn't golden but it does remind me of the Golden Rule. Do you know what the Golden Rule is?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That's a great guide for living, Scouts. If we always followed that rule, we would always be kind to others because no one wants unkindness done to him.

The trouble is, we aren't saints. And so we don't always follow the Scout Law - A Scout is kind" - or the Golden Rule. Some of us follow the Golden Rule for about three inches. Others make it eight inches. A few of us might make it all the way to eleven inches.

How far do you go on the Golden Rule? Probably not as far as you could. So the next time you're tempted to do something unkind, or say something that will hurt someone, stop and think. What will it do to your place on the Golden Rule?

## **Fun Fact**

JCPenney began in 1902 when James Cash Penney opened his first retail store, called **the Golden Rule** Store, in the mining town of Kemmerer, Wyoming. To J.C. Penney, the name Golden Rule represented more than a marketing strategy.

## **WEBELOS**

#### **★Craftsman**

Webelos Scouts who have spent a year or two in a Cub Scout Den before coming into the Webelos Den will already have had some craft experience. They may have already worked with simple woodworking tools; but chances are, they will not have had much experience with leathercraft or tin craft. This is a good opportunity for a boy to gain some knowledge in these skills.

To earn the badge, the boys must complete ten craft projects. There is generally no way these can be completed at den meetings, so this is a chance to involve parents; both in work at home with their boys, and in furnishing tools to be used at den meetings.

While working with boys on this activity badge, keep these things in mind:

<u>Patience</u> - Some boys require a high degree of patience. Stick with it; you'll be glad you did. Enlist the help of the assistant den leader, den chief, and fathers, so you won't need to do it alone.

<u>Preparation</u> - Have all tools laid out at separate workstations before the den meeting starts. Build a sample of the item yourself before the meeting and make note of the steps that require the most coordination. Be prepared to help boys individually in these areas. Show them your sample so they can get an idea of what the finished product will be like.

<u>Perseverance</u> - Insist that the boys finish the item which they begin. This is very important. Don't even consider using a project, which the boys can't complete within a reasonable length of time. Watch for signs of discouragement, and help the boys who seem to be having trouble.

Help the boys understand safety practices and to take safety precautions where needed. They should realize that sharp tools are a necessity and use them with care and safety. Encourage every boy to put forth his very best effort and reserve your praise for projects worthy of compliments.

## Activities ©Game

#### Upset the Tool Box

1. Urel Rule 2. Aws Saw 3. Lnai Nail 4. Memhar Hammer 5. Elrwot Trowel 6. Alnep Plane Careb Brace 8. Itb Bit

Rcsew Virder Screw Driver
 Velel Level
 Cenhrs Wrench

#### **©Craft**

Chip off the Old Block Paperweight
Cut block of wood from 4" x 4"
Burn message with wood burner of paint on.
Add small snapshot on end.
Varnish block for finish.

#### Citizen

#### **©GAMES**

#### **⊙**American Heritage

Find pictures of well known buildings, symbols or people and tape each one onto construction paper. (Example: White House, Uncle Sam, President Clinton, Eagle, plus some harder ones like the Presidential Seal or your state Governor.) Number each picture and then hang on the wall.

Give each boy a paper and pencil and have them list numbers down the side. Set a time limit, and ask the boys to circulate, looking at the pictures and writing down the name. The den historian is the person who has the most written down correctly at the end of the time period. Be sure to review all the answers out loud so all can hear the correct answers.

#### ©Citizen Test

Divide den into two teams. They line up facing each other with a wide space between them. The leaders

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asks each player a question from the list below. A correct answer entitles that whole team to take one step forward. An incorrect answer passes to the other team. The first team to cross the other's starting line are the Good Citizens for the Day.

#### ©Flying Flags

Buy a bulk of small plastic flags. Divide them up to all the den members during the closing ceremony. Tell them to carry the flags around this week and give them to people who are being "Good Citizens," explaining why.

If you are paid to do Scouting, you are called a Professional:

If you are not paid to do Scouting, you are called a Volunteer;

If you pay to do Scouting, then you are called a Scouter.

#### **Web Sites**

The BSA has a great site on the Web called "Name that State Flag".

http://www.bsa.scouting.org/cgi/flags.cgi

http://www.isd.net:80/stobin/document/skelton.htm

http://users.aol.com/randywoo/bsahis/index.htm http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/1081/index.html

http://www.macscouter.com/

http://www.macscouter.com/General/USGov.html

http://members.aol.com/pack265/index.html

http://kidshealth.org/ncc/ro/fall.1994/

halloween costume.html

http://www.parentsplace.com/readroom/cpsc/

1995/95010.html

http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/5634/index.html

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Also, past issue of Baloo's Bugle (Jan-Sept '97) can now be found at the following web site <a href="http://www.rannie.com/40th/other.html">http://www.rannie.com/40th/other.html</a>

Earl is from Ontario, Canada and has offered to put my newsletter on his site. In addition to the Bugle you can find other interesting and helpful ideas at that site.